ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Siloam Baptist Church, Sumter County, Ala.

September 7th, 8th and 9th, 1893.

OFFICERS.

Elder J. R. LARKIN, Moderator ..... Coatopa, Ala.
J. D PHILLIPS Clerk ..... Yantley Creek, Ala.
E. M SHAW, Treasurer ..... Cuba Station, Ala.

Next session will meet with Rehoboth Church, Pushmataha, Choctaw County. Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1894. Elder F. A Freeman to preach the Introductory Sermon on Thursday; Elder S. O. Y. Ray to preach the Missionary Sermon on Friday

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DIRECTORY OF THE BIGBEE ASSOCIATION

ORDAINED MINISTERS

S. O. Y. Ray	Livingston, Ala.
J. G. Apsy	Eutaw, "
W. G. Curry	Livingston, "
F. A. Freeman	Butler, "
A. J. Hearn	Whitley Creek, "
J. R. Larkin	Coatopa, "
W. F. Pond	Kinterbish, "
*J. W. Smith	Jefferson, "
*J. L. Tucker	Nanafalia, "
C. C. Vaughn	Cuba Station "
J. E. Vaughn	Mt. Sterling, "
[illegible]rd	Bevill's Store, "

LICENSED MINISTERS

A. B. Spidle	Belmont, Ala.
A. V. Evins	Kinterbish, "

*Taken from report of last year.

MINUTES.

1. The Bigbee Baptist Association assembled for its forty-first annual session with Siloam Baptist Church near York Station, Sumter county, Alabama, at 11:15 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, September 7, 1893. Sang, "There is a fountain filled with blood." The Moderator read VI chapter of Gal. Prayer by S. O. Y. Ray.

2. In response to the call for representatives letters from the churches were presented, and by request of the Moderator, read by Jno. W. Jones and B. F. Giles. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

1. Beulah—J. B. Pond, W. S. Baskin and B. A. May.
2. Christian Valley—J. R Larkin.
3. Clinton—Letter and funds.
4. Concord—A. J. Hearn, L A. Brock and J. D. Phillips.
5. Cuba—C. C. Vaughn, L. Pool, E M. Shaw and Simon Harris.
6. Demopolis—Letter and funds.
7. Epps—Sister Rachel Lewis.
8. Eutaw—Letter and funds.
9. Friendship—Not represented.
10. Gainesville—Not represented.
11. Hickory Hill—Not represented.
12. Hopewell, Choctaw co.—A. J. Hearn.
13. Hopewell, Sumter co—Sister Ava Speed.
14. Livingston—W. G. Curry and S. O. Y. Ray.
15. Mt. Hermon—Not represented.
16. Mt. Moriah—Not represented.
17. Mt. Pleasant—Jno. W. Jones and C. W. Fulford.
18. Mt. Sterling—J. B. Turner.
19. New Prospect—L. A. McLean, Sisters Ruth and Annie Hoytt.
20. Rehoboth—J. W. Cook, A. B. Cook, C. F. Rainer and J. C. Griffin.
21. Shorts—Not represented.
22. Siloam—B. F. Brown, F. M. Brown, R. J. Shelton, H. J. Simms and W. H. Hitt.
23. Sumterville—H. B. Praytor.
24. York—C. E. Mathers, R. B. Hightower and J. E. Smith.
25. Zion—G. E. Brunson.

3. The Association next proceeded to the election of officers. On motion of S. O. Y. Ray, the former Moderator

was re elected. On motion of R. B. Hightower, J. D. Phillips was elected Clerk and E. M. Shaw Treasurer, both by acclamation.

4. The Association then adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m., after benediction by C. C. Vaughn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5. Began by singing "Jesus keep me near the Cross." Prayer by B. F. Giles.

6. The report on Woman's Work was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Five years ago the Woman's Missionary Union was organized, its object being to increase the usefulness of the women in our churches and to open up ways and means by which to enlist a great number of women in the world's evangelization. From the first it has been their purpose to act as auxiliaries of our existing boards, and act under their direction and control, all their work being suggested by these boards.

This movement under the providence of God has become an important factor in the world's evangelization, as will appear from the consideration of the following facts:

When this Union was organized the Southern Baptist Convention reported for missions only $17,000. The total contributions of the women in our church up to 1888 was $137,368.57; in the year 1888 they contributed $21,639.16; in 1892 they contributed for Foreign Missions $36,052.75, for Home Missions $26,283.97 or a total of $62,336.75. The amount of collections reported for last year, including those of the Missionary Union, is $261,675 86, or nearly 25 per cent. was raised by the Missionary Union. The gain last year over the previous year was $18,043.95. Since 1888 the Missionary Union has raised the sum of $89,544.89 for Home Missions, and $139,109 61 for Foreign Missions, making a total of $228,654.50 in the last five years. These results have been accomplished without any sort of friction with the regular contributions to our boards from the churches. On the contrary they have rather stimulated these contributions.

WHAT ALABAMA HAS DONE THE PAST YEAR.

From the annual report of the Treasurer of the Central Committee, we make the following extract:

Contributions for	Foreign Missions	$1,399 86
"	Home Missions	2 082 69
"	State Missions	507 04
"	Church aid	3,392 16
Grand total		$7,381 75

Of this amount this Association contributed to Foreign Missions	$ 25 00
Contributed to Home Missions	74 80
" State Missions	5 00
" Church aid	223 00
Total	$327 55

We recommend this movement to the churches of this Association as worthy their fostering care, and for any information or aid they may need in organizing societies we would advise them to write to Mrs. Annie G. Mellen, Livingston, Ala., who is the vice-President of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. Y. Ray, Ch'n.

Discussed by J. T. Murphy, S. O. Y. Ray, W. G. Curry, B. F. Giles and L. Pool, then adopted.

7. The report on General and Ministerial Education was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON GENERAL AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

There is no work now before the Baptist of Alabama more important than that of Ministerial Education; for upon the ministery depends in a large measure the development of our people in all the interests fostered by the denomination.

The present facilities for education offer great inducements to young men who desire to prepare themselves to preach the everlasting gospel. The doors of Howard and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary are opened to every young man who is called of God to tell the good news. In these institutions board and tuition are free to all who cannot help themselves, who are endorsed by their churches and associations. We had in Howard College last year 25 students. In the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 9.

Let us thank God for these, but let us pray for more laborers and let us help them in getting an education

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. Giles, Ch'n.

The report was discussed by B. F. Giles, J. T. Murfee, S. W. Averett, L. Pool, C. C. Vaughn, E. Woods, J. W. Jones and S. O. Y. Ray. On motion of W. G. Curry further discussion of the report was deferred until 10 o'clock a. m. Friday.

8. Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

9. Adjourned to 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, after benediction by W. G. Curry.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

10. The Association met at 10:30 o'clock a. m. Began by singing "Jesus lover of my Soul." The Moderator read the xxxiii Psalm. Prayer by A. J. Hearn.

11. Without further discussion the report on General and Ministerial Education was adopted.

12. The following committee on Finance was appointed, viz: C. E. Mathers, C. T. Rainer and C. W. Fulford.

13. The committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the past year the work of Foreign Missions has been pushed with an energy and activity beyond all efforts ever made before The interest which has been awakened in our people by the centennial movement has given to them, in many instances a new impulse to not only sustain the cause of Foreign Missions, but to enlarge and advance the work; and, although the proposition made by the Southern Baptist Convention, to raise during the centennial year of Baptist missions, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars and to place in its foreign field one hundred more missionaries, may not be fully met on account, probably, of the money crisis, yet they have not failed to respond to that proposition, and while our mission work is confined to the six countries heretofore occupied, viz: Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Africa, China and Japan, we have entered upon an era of enlargement of work. The work calls for more missionaries; and consecrated men and women, anxious to devote themselves to the cause, are asking to be sent. These things call for a renewed determination on the part of our people, to do more for the Lord's work of missions, as the cause of truth progresses, and as the boundry lines of Christendom encroach upon heathenism, the field of missionary operation expands with a constantly increasing demand for additional force. More laborers in the harvest has been the cry from generation to generation. It rings in our ears to-day from the foreign fields; as already stated, in no preceding age has the "world for Christ and Christ for the world," so engaged the minds and means of God's people. While this is gratifying to every Christian, should we not take the cause nearer to our own homes and hearts? The amount contributed by the Bigbee Association for Foreign Missions during the year 1892 was $80.18, while in the preceding year it was $189.63.

Brethren, the Savior's words, "Canst thou watch with me," sounds through the dusty pews of our latent churches directly in our ears as responsible individuals. Do not our hearts burn within us as we unroll and review the missionary scroll of one hundred years? Have we settled the question whether our Lord's command, "Go teach all nations," is binding upon us? We know that God used human instruments in the conversion of our souls. It has always been so, and will ever be. The message must

go from heart to heart; and it is not only our privilege, but our duty to share in telling the wonderful story. If we can not go we can help some one to go, and in so doing hasten the glorious consummation where the kingdoms of this world shall become our Lord's and his Christ's.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Shaw, Ch'n.

The Association was addressed by S. O. Y. Ray on the subject of the report. While singing "Nearer my God to thee," a collection was taken for Foreign Missions to the amount of $11.47. The report was then adopted.

14. On motion of Jno. W. Jones, the missionary sermon, to be preached by W. G. Curry, was dispensed with.

15. The report on Sabbath Schools was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We report the number of Sabbath Schools, officers, teachers and pupils about as last year. Five years ago we had 14 Sabbath Schools, 551 students, 79 officers and teachers, showing in five years a decrease of 5 schools, 218 students, 30 officers and teachers.

Of the 74 associations in the State we rank as to number of schools 20 in the list, as to students 25, as to officers and teachers 23. Sunday School statistics are very meager. Therefore it is impossible to trace in detail, correctly, our different relations and bearings to our Sabbath School interest at home or abroad, though sufficient information is at hand to show a decided advance in the Sunday School interest at large which is mainly due to the efficiency of our Sunday School Board at Nashville, in furnishing good, cheap and abundant literature, which should be purchased through our Home Board at Opelika.

We recommend (1.) That each Sabbath School keep a book of record in which should be kept recorded the names of officers, teachers and pupils, also in which should be kept the grade and efficiency of students and other information deemed important by the school, and that fuller reports be made to the Association each year.

(2.) The use of maps and blackboard exercises in the Sabbath School in connection with lecturing and other efficient modes of teaching and fixing Scriptural truths.

(3.) The holding of Sunday School institutes or conventions within the bounds of the Bigbee Association, and urge this body at this session to adopt these or more efficient means by which our Sabbath School interest will revive and prosper.

(4.) That our ministers as well as laymen take a more active part in Sabbath Schools.

(5.) That each church or community have a regular Sabbath School. If not practical, study and teach the Scriptures in your own household or else move to where Sabbath School advantages can be had.

Meditation on our declining Sabbath School interest brings but one conclusion—that we are not valiant soldiers of the cross. It is not the like of Divine sanction and command to study the Scripture that has caused a de-

cline in Sabbath School interest of our Association, but negligent disobedience on our part. Truthful results have always crowned faithful efforts in this line of Christian work which is one of the first and most important of Christian enterprises. It is co-operative and systematic in laying the foundation of Christian character and indoctrinating it into Christian faith and practice. Without system, very little has ever been accomplished at anything. In the Sabbath School the gospel is taught and accepted on calm and sober reflection, which gives our churches a membership endowed with zeal and knowledge, that will silence the batteries of Satan and make his cause to crumble. Let us prove ourselves workmen; for our reward is great and by the help of God duties are not beyond our ability to perform.

Respectfully submitted.

L. A. Brock, Ch'n.

The report was spoken to by W. G. Curry and Jno. W. Jones. Further discussion was deferred until 2 o'clock p. m. Adjourned, after benediction by S. O. Y. Ray.

FRIDAY.

Afternoon Session.

16. The association reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m., sang "Come thou Fount of Every Blessing."

17. The report on Sabbath schools was taken up and further discussed by R. B. Hightower, J. B. Turner, L. Pool, E. M. Shaw, L. A. Brock and adopted.

18. The report on Temperance was called for. The committee reported as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

No question creates such divergence of thought as that of Temperance. "Be ye temperate in all things," is our injunction, equally forcible in this busy age with any, of Divine origin and accepted in its generality. But violation, in particular, in excessive use of Alcohol is the overshadowing evil of this age with which we are to deal, for by it, strong manhood is being debased, carrying all that is high and noble below the plane of civilization. Good men and women have and are laboring to control this evil in our land with fluctuating success. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. Vigilance is the means by which we are to control this evil. The church has been vigilant and active, which she must continue; as already this evil has been restored to some of its former fervor. The traffic is now pleading the cause of education to secure favorable legislation with some

success. We urge that this delusive phantom be spurned as emanating from the evil one.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. W. JONES,
Chairman.

The report was discussed by Jno. W. Jones, S. O. G. Ray, L. Pool. Then adopted.

19. The report on "State Missions" was called for and submitted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We cannot too earnestly recommend to this Association the work of State Missions. Nothing has done more to develop the benevolence of the churches than this agency which was inaugurated many years ago.

Many churches and associations which were practically antimissionary have been reached through this agency and made potent factors in the great work of extending the cause of Christ among men.

The State Board of Missions has in the past four years devoted its chief energies to the growing towns in the more Northern sections of the State, and numerous strong churches now, not only self supporting, but contributing largely to the benevolent work of the denomination, crown the efforts of the board in that direction. It is now the policy of the Board to give more attention to our rural districts and the centres of influence in the Southern portion of the State. To this end missionaries and colporteurs are being employed and sent forth as rapidly as the means at command will permit. It is also the policy of the Board to employ more evangelists to do a work throughout the State similar to that which is now being done by Bro. S. O. Y. Roy, within the bounds of our Association. Your committee, commend most heartily to your co-operation the work of the State Board of missions.

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. CURRY,
Chairman.

20. The report on Home missions was read as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

There are missionaries 368—weeks of labor 14,014—churches and stations 1,482—sermons and addresses 38,007—prayer meetings 12,591—additions by baptism 5,111—by letter 4,493. Total additions 9,604. Sunday Schools organized 412.—Teachers and students 16,611,—Religious visits 54,134—Churches constituted 155—Houses of worship built 92—Bibles and Testaments distributed 1,781—Pages of Tracts distributed 919,587.

They received $70,947.76 an excess of $301.436 over last year. The centennial contributions $36,012.62 and the amount collected last on Centennial funds $16,937.74, which makes the centennial fund $52,950 36. All together makes a total of cash receipts of $106,989.58. The Board paid a debt last year of more than $9,000, and $22,851 on our church building at

Havana. This Board is doing work among the colored people, the Indians and on the Island of Cuba, not only this, but it extends its work to many destitute places in every State in the South. Many counties in the West are without Baptist churches. These must be supplied. Our contributions must be greatly increased by our churches These most destitute fields must be supplied. The millions of human beings who are flocking to our shores must be reached by our missionaries who are sent by this Board. We commend this Board and its work to the hearty co-operation of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. Y. Ray,
Chairman.

The above reports were jointly discussed by S. O. Y. Ray, A. J. Hearn, W. G. Curry and L. Pool. Then adopted. Adjourned to 10 o'clock, a. m. Saturday. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY.

Morning Session.

21. The association was called to order at 10 30 o'clock a. m. Sang "Nearer my God to Thee." Moderator read the 4th Chapter of first Peter.

22. The following committee on apportionment was appointed, viz: A. J. Hearne, Jno. W. Jones and R. B. Hightower.

23. The Treasurer submitted his report which was adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

E. M. SHAW, Treasurer
In account with Bigbee Association:

1892	Dr.	
Sept. 10	To amount received from Finance committee vouchers.	$1059.94
" " "	" " " " cash....	201.39
Total.....		$1261.33

1892	Cr.	
Sept. 16.	By amount paid W. B. Crumpton, cor. sec.....	$153.02
" " "	" remitting	68
" " "	" W. F. Pond	11 62

" " " " "	F. M Pond of Minute Fund.....	29.91
" " " "	Vouchers received from Finance Committee	$1059.54
Total.....		$1261.33

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Shaw.

24. The report on "Bible and Colportage Work" was submitted, discussed by F A. Freeman, C. C. Vaughn, L. Pool and adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your committee are of the opinion that this board has not received the encouragement and support in the past that its importance merits. Its work is done in a quiet, unostentatious way, reaching out to the destitute part of the country, benefitting the poor, those who by reason of their poverty are unable to provide for themselves religious literature and who are not able to employ preachers. It is this class who specially bless God for the work being done by the colporter. Owing to the fact that some of the twelve colporters employed by the board failed to have their report in in time to have reports embodied in the board's report to the State Convention, we cannot make as full report as we would like.

From the consolidated reports of five we find room for encouragement. They sold and gave away during the conventional year 2,655 religious books and 8 000 pages of tracts. Who can estimate the amount of good those books and tracts may do? They visited 10,235 families. Can you place a monetary value upon the influence the visits of these consecrated followers of him who spent his life working among the poor, on the joy and comfort they carried to the humble followers of God?

To accomplish this work they traveled 7,010 miles, not in palace cars, but a part of it as Christ traveled—walking. If the sum not reported did the same pro rata, then the board's agents traveled 16,824 miles, visited 24,564 families, sold 6,372 books and gave away 19,200 pages of tracts.

Your committee, in conclusion, would call the attention of the Sunday-schools in the Association to the importance of buying their Sunday-school literature through the board, as it comes as promptly, and at the same price, and pays into the board 20 per cent. of cash price.

The American Baptist Publication Society and Kind Words Series allow the State Board to retain this per cent. of all orders sent by them. Then, as a business proposition, it is to our interest. We would also state that you can buy any book suitable to be found in a Christian home from the board as cheaply as at any bookstore.

Respectfully submitted,

Jno. W. Cook,
Chairman.

25. On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved. That this Association co-operate with the State Board in employing a colporteur for this Association.

26. The committee on "apportionment" made their report which was adopted:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Churches.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education	Total.
Beulah	$ 4 00	$ 3 50	$ 3 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 13 50
Chestnut Valley	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	1 50	7 50	31 00
Clinton	6 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	22 00
Concord	20 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	.....	32 00
Cuba	18 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	33 00
Demopolis	13 00	4 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	31 00
Eutaw	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	50	1 00	9 50
Epps	4 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	17 00
Friendship	6 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	18 00
Gainesville	8 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	22 00
Hickory Hill	2 50	1 00	1 00	50	50	2 00	7 50
Hopewell, Choctaw Co	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	5 00	17 00
Hopewell, Sumter Co	5 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	50	2 50	13 50
Livingston	35 00	18 00	18 00	2 00	2 00	18 00	93 00
Mt. Herman	2 00	1 00	1 00	...	.....	.	4 00
Mt. Pleasant	15 00	6 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	32 00
Mt. Sterling	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	....	.	6 00
New Prospect	10 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	...	2 00	19 00
Rehoboth	12 80	3 85	3 85	65	65	3 20	25 00
Shorts	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	27 00
Siloam	10 00	5 00	4 00	1 00			20 00
Sumterville	15 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	30 00
York	15 00		10 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	47 00
Zion	5 00	10 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	14 00
		3 00					
Total	.....						$ 584 00

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. Hearn,
Chairman.

27. The report on correspondence was submitted and adopted:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence are gratified to report the following representatives of other bodies present with us:

B. F. Giles—Representing Howard College
S. W. Averett—President Judson Institute.
J. T. Murfee—Cahaba Association.
S. O. Y. Ray—State Mission Board.
J. E. Brunson—Bethlehem Association.

We are more than glad to have these brethren with us. We recommend that any brother having a copy of our minutes be entitled to seats in other corresponding bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. Vaughan, Chairman.

28. The Committee on Nominations submitted their report, which was adopted after amending so as to read "Wednesday" before the "first" Sabbath in "October" instead of "Thursday" before the "second" Sabbath in "September." The report was discussed by R. B. Hightower, A. J. Hearn, Jno. W. Jones, G. E. Green, C. C. Vaughn, E. Woods, J. B. Turner and L. Pool.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report: That the next session of this body be held with Rehoboth Baptist Church at Pushmataha, Choctaw county, Ala., and to convene at 10 o'clock, a. m., Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1894; that Bro. F. A. Fruman preach the introductory sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock a. m.; that S. O. Y. Ray preach the missionary sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Cook,
Chairman.

29. Adjournment to 2 o'clock, p. m. Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

30. The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m. Sang "I Love to Tell the Story." Preaching by Rev. F. A. Freeman, from the text as contained in a part of John 13:1, "Having loved his own which were in the world. He loved them unto the end."

31. The Moderator appointed standing committees, to report at the next session, as follows:

Home Missions--S. O. Y. Ray, Livingston, Ala.; A. B. Cook and C. W. Fulford.

State Missions--C. C. Vaughn, Cuba, Ala.; H. B. Praytor and J. E. Smith.

Foreign Missions--A. J. Hearn, Yantley Creek, Ala.; B. B. Scales and R. J. Shelton.

Woman's Work—W. G. Curry, Livingston, Ala.; J. W. Blakely and B. A. May.

Bible and Colportage Work—L. Pool, Cuba, Ala.; J. C. Griffin and E. B. Hearn.

Sabbath Schools--Jno. W. Jones, Jefferson, Ala.; F. M. Ward and M. D. Gould.

Temperance--C. E. Mathers, York Sta. Ala.; E. M. Shaw and W. F. Pond.

General and Ministerial Education--J. B. Turner, Mt. Sterling, Ala.; R. B. Hightower and C. F. Rainer.

Committee on Correspondence--W. F. Pond, Kinterbish, Ala; J. R. Bragg and S. E. Williamson.

Executive Committee--W. G. Curry, Livingston, Ala.; C. C. Vaughn and G. C. Gowdey.

32. The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

	Cash.	Vouchers.	Total.
State Missions	97 73	80 76	178 49
Home Missions	40 24	43 25	83 49
Foreign Missions	37 39	37 89	75 28
Church Building (not at home)		38 05	38 05
Indigent Ministers	6 51		6 51
Bible and Colportage	5 88	2 92	8 80
Ministerial Education	17 20	10 00	27 20
Incidental "		7 75	7 75
Minutes	25 37		25 37
Missionary Collection	11 47		11 47
Centennial Funds		304 05	304 05
Other Benevolences		12 00	12 00
Received from Christian Valley Church	12 15		12 15
Sunday School.			
Missions Home		12 30	12 30
" Foreign		27 00	27 00
School Expense		21 25	21 25
Woman's Society.			
Home Missions		8 85	8 85
Total	253 94	606 07	860 01

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MATHERS,
C. F. RAINER,
C. W. FULFORD,
Committee.

33. On motion, it was ordered that the "Indigent Ministers" fund ($6.51) be paid to W. F. Pond.

34. On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to deduct 5% from all cash on hand for associational purposes.

35. On motion, the Moderator appointed delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, which meets in Greenville, November 7, 1893, and to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Dallas, Texas, Friday, May 11th, 1894, as follows :

DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION.

W. G. Curry, S. O. Y. Ray, T. B. Woodward, A. J. Hearn and J. V. Tutt.

DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

F. A. Freeman, W. G. Curry, S. O. Y. Ray, W. F. Pond, A. J. Hearn, F. M. Ward, E. B Hearn, B. B. Seals, W. A. Altman and D. W. Brock.

36. On motion, the following resolutions was adopted :

Resolved, that the hearty thanks of this association are due and hereby tendered the citizens of this neighborhood for their open and generous hospitality extended it.

The inconvenience occasioned by the unfavorable weather but increases our appreciations.

37. At 3:30 o'clock p. m. the Moderator declared the association adjourned to meet with Rehoboth Baptist Church at Pushmataha, Choctaw Co., Ala., on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1894.

J. R. Larkin, Moderator.

J. D. Phillips, Clerk.

TIME, PLACE OF MEETING, AND OFFICERS OF THE BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Treasurer
1852	Jones Creek	Wm. Woodward	Jno. McInnis	J. H. Brown
1853	Clinton	D. P. Bestor	A. D. Hall	J. G. Robertson
1854	New Prospect	E. B. Teague	W. W. Paschal	J. G. Robertson
1855	Gaston	D. P. Bestor	W. W. Paschal	J. G. Robertson
1856	Sumterville	D. P. Bestor	W. W. Paschal	J. G. Robertson
1857	Eutaw	D. P. Bestor	R. H. Whitfield	J. G. Robertson
1858	Rehoboth	Wm. Howard	R. H. Whitfield	W. W. Paschal
1859	Friendship	Wm. Howard	R. H. Whitfield	W. W. Paschal
1860	Clinton	Wm. Howard	R. H. Whitfield	W. W. Paschal
1861	Mt. Sterling	J. K. Ryan	R. H. Whitfield	W. W. Paschal
*1862	Christian Valley			
1863	Mt. Hermon	Wm. Howard	W. D. Gaines	L. Nathan Tartt
1864	Gainesville	Wm. Howard	W. D. Gaines	L. Nathan Tartt
1865	New Prospect	Wm. Howard	R. H. Whitfield	I. C. Brown
1866	Fellowship	J. K. Ryan	J. C. Wright	I. C. Brown
1867	Kinterbish	J. K. Ryan	C. W. Buck	J. W. Bell
1868	New Prospect	J. K. Ryan	C. C. Vaughn	E. Tartt
1869	Siloam	J. K. Ryan	C. C. Vaughn	A. R. Scarborough
*1870	Clinton			
1871	Sumterville	A. R. Scarborough	C. W. Buck	I. C. Brown
1872	Gainesville	L. M. Stone	J. H. Hendin	I. C. Brown
1873	Rehobeth	L. M. Stone	J. H. Hendin	I. C. Brown
1874	Friendship	A. R. Scarborough	D. S. Brassfield	I. C. Brown
1875	Livingston	A. R. Scarborough	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1876	Clinton	A. R. Scarborough	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1877	Christian Valley	A. R. Scarborough	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1878	Zion	J. G. Harris	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown

1879	Cuba	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1880	Gainesville	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1881	Mt. Sterling	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
188	York	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1883	Livingston	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1884	Friendship	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1885	Concord	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1886	Sumterville	L. L. Belsher	J. D. Cook	I. C. Brown
1887	Christian Valley	L. L. Belsher	J. D. Cook	G. C. Gowdy
1888	Clinton	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Cook	A. D. Fortner
1889	Mt. Pleasant	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Cook	A. D. Fortner
1890	York	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Cook	A. D. Fortner
1891	Zion	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Cook	A. D. Fortner
1892	Cuba	J. R. Larkin	F. M. Pond	E. M. Shaw
1893	Silvam	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Phillips	E. M. Shaw

*Minutes wanted, please send to Clerk of the Association

Remarks—W. W. Paschal died in 1881; A. R. Scarborough and H. R. Autry died in 1887; J. K. Ryan died in 1889. William Howard died in Dallas, Texas, in 1890, L. L. Belsher died in 1891.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known by the name of the BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.
2. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, from its own body, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected.
3. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, and shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon officers presiding over deliberative bodies.
4. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the Minutes.
5. The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officer, and shall report annually to the Association.
6. The Association shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.
7. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, and also one for every twenty-five members exceeding twenty-five
8. This Association disclaims all right of exercising authority over the internal regulation of churches, believing that within their own sphere they are accountable to God only.
9. The Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members comprising the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one living and true God: that in the Godhead are Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the New Testaments is the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe that the Church of God is composed of such persons as believe in Jesus Christ, and have been baptized; that baptism consists in the immersion of the whole body in water; and that the Lord's Supper should be administered to church members only.
4. We believe in the doctrines of grace taught by the United Baptists, viz: In the depravity of man; in the converting grace of God; in the resurrection of the dead; in the general judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At each meeting of this Association the Moderator shall take the chair, shall call the members to order, shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal, shall open and close the Association with prayer, shall appoint committees, when not otherwise ordered, and shall pronounce the decisions to the Association.
2. The names of members shall be called each day, and invitations to seats extended to ministering brethren.
3. The members shall observe respect to officers and to each other, shall arise when addressing the Moderator, shall confine themselves to the questions, shall avoid personalities, shall not speak, without leave, more than once, until every member shall have opportunity to speak, and shall sustain that bearing to each other which becomes gentlemen and Christians.

4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, and then shall be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover before amendment or decision.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone; which motion shall have precedence in the order enumerated.

6. All questions, except those relating to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority. Any member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on the day of decision. Members may not leave the Association without permission.

7. When questions of order are not provided for in these rules, they shall be decided according to the rules and regulations governing legislative bodies generally.

8. The Association shall have power to receive into its body and fellowship such churches as apply for admission; and shall also be empowered to withdraw its fellowship from any church or body of men walking disorderly, and supposed to be unworthy the fellowship of this Association.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893.

Churches.	State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions		Church building (Not at home)		Indigent Ministers.		Bible and Colportage.		Education. Ministerial		Education. Incidental
	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Cash	Vouch'r	Vch'r
Beulah	$ 2 50				$ 1 40				$ 1 00						
Christian Valley	3 90	$ 3 75	$ 1 56	$ 1 21	1 55	$ 1 56			19		$ 20	$ 68	$ 39		
Clinton	5 00		2 50		2 50										
Concord	11 48	2 11	4 59	1 01	4 59	1 29			57		57	56	1 [illegible]		
Cuba	8 00		3 00		3 75								10 00		
Demopolis		6 42		3 03		23 87						1 68			
Epps	4 00	11 00	5 00						1 00		2 10				
Eutaw	1 00		50		50										
Friendship								$20 00							
Gainesville															
Hickory Hill															
Hopewell, Choctaw Co	10 00		4 00		4 00				50		50		1 00		
Hopewell, Sumter Co	3 00		1 20		1 20				15		15		30		
Livingston		47 00		31 00				18 05							
Mt. Hermon															
Mt. Moriah															
Mt. Pleasant															
Mt. Sterling															
New Prospect	10 65	6 70	4 26		4 26				53		53		1 67		
Rehoboth	10 00	3 75	1 05	2 00	4 05	2 75			57		57		1 01		
Shorts															
Siloam	1 75		70		70				08		09		18		
Sumterville	8 00		1 50	5 00	1 50	8 42			1 00		25		25	$10 00	$ 7 75
York	9 75		3 90		3 90				49		48		98		
Zion	8 70		3 48		3 48				43		41		87		
Collection at Association					11 47										
Total	$97 73	$80 76	$10 21	$43 25	$18 86	$37 89		$38 05	$ 6 51		$ 5 88	$ 2 92	$17 20	$10 00	$ 7 75

*Received from Christian Valley, $12.15.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE BIGBEE ASSOCIATION, 1893—Continued.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Sunday School.			Woman's Society.—Home Missions.	Centennial Fund.	Other Benevolence.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, fuel the poor, etc.	Value of buildings and furniture.
		Home Missions	Foreign Missions	School Expenses							
	Cash	Vouchers.		Cash	Vouch'r	Cash Vouch'r	Cash Vouch'r				
Beulah	$ 1 00							$ 6 90			
*Christian Valley	1 00							16 00			
Clinton	1 00							11 00			
Concord	1 25	$ 12 30				$22 00		63 50	$ 150 00	$ 70 00	
Cuba	75					13 00		38 50	150 00		$ 800 00
Demopolis					$ 8 85	80 00		123 85			
Ephs	1 50							21 60	75 00		
Fellow	50							2 50			
Friendship								20 00			
Gainesville											
Hickory Hill											
Hopewell, Choctaw Co.	2 17							22 17			
Hopewell, Sumter Co.								6 00			
Livingston	3 00		$ 27 60	$21 25		131 35	$10 00	291 65	600 00	40 75	133 25
Mt. Hermon											
Mt. Moriah											
Mt. Pleasant	2 15							2 15			
Mt. Sterling	75							75			
New Prospect	1 00							29 00			
Nehoboth	2 00					31 50		62 25			
Short								5 50			
Siloam	2 00										
Sumterville	2 00					23 20	2 00	70 87			800 00
York	1 00							20 50	150 00		
Zion	2 00							19 40			
Collection at Association								11 47			
Total	$25 37	$ 12 30	$ 27 60	$21 25	$ 8 85	381 05	$12 00	$ 817 86	$1125 00	$110 75	$1733 25

*Received from Christian Valley, $12.15.

STATISTICS OF THE BIGBEE ASSOCIATION, 1893.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Postoffice.			Membership last reported	Increase by				Decrease by				Present membership.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experience	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.	
Beulah	Sumter	W. F. Pond	H. P. Pond	Kinterbish			49	8	5			3			1	58
Christian Valley	"	J. R. Larkin	B. B. Scales	Coatopa			38									38
Clinton	Greene	W. L. White	W. D. Green	Clinton			31	1	2				1		1	29
Concord	Choctaw	A. J. Hearn	J. D. Phillips	Yantley Creek			117	10	2			2	1		1	118
Cuba	Sumter	W. H. Culpepper	W. U. Shaw	Cuba Sta.			‡119			1		2	1			77
Demopolis	Marengo	J. D. Dickinson	F. E. McKinly	Demopolis			‡ 27		4				1	3		26
Epps	Sumter	H. C. Compton	T. J. Terrell	Epps			9	2								11
Eutaw	Greene	J. G. Apsy					11		9						1	19
Friendship	"						*10									*10
Gainesville	Sumter						*21									*21
Hickory Hill	"						*26									*26
Hopewell	"	J. R. Larkin	J. V. Tutt	Belmont			‡36					1			2	32
Hopewell	Choctaw	A. J. Hearn	J. A. Vaughn	Mt. Sterling			*59	23	4		3	1	1			90
Livingston	Sumter	W. G. Curry	G. C. Gowdey	Livingston			91		7			1			2	89
Mt. Hermon	"						*35									*35
Mt. Moriah	"						*30									*30
Mt. Pleasant	Marengo	C. Johnson	Jno W. Jones	Jefferson			58					3	1			54
Mt. Sterling	Choctaw		*J. B. Turner	Mt. Sterling			*29									*29
New Prospect	Sumter	J. R. Larkin	W. P. Brewer	Livingston			‡ 25									26
Rehoboth	"	A. J. Hearn	J. W. Cook	Pushmataha			18	10	2			1			1	58
Shorts	"						‡ 36									36
Sloam	"	W. F. Pond	S. D. Green	York Sta.			107	10	1			1				112
Sumterville	"	W. G. Curry	A. E. Poythress	Sumterville			43	4				2				45
York	"	J. E. Brunson	E. M. Flowers	York Sta.			48		6			1				53
Zion	"	F. A. Freeman	J. A. Davison	Rosser			*75	2				2				56
25 Total							1178	70	42	1	3	38	6	3	9	1175

*Taken from report of 1890. ‡Taken from report of 1892

STATISTICS OF THE BIGBEE ASSOCIATION, 1893—Continued.

Church.	Sunday School. Superintendent.	Superintend't's postoffice.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in library.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.			
Beulah	B. A. May	Kinterbish	3	33	....	4	1			
Christian Valley	W. Larkin	Coatopa	.....	26	..	2				
Clinton	M. M. Carpenter	Clinton	1	11	..	3				
Concord	W. H. Phillips	Yantley Creek	1	60	...	3	2			
Cuba	E. M. Shaw	Cuba	1	10						
Demopolis	.....	.....	....	..		2& 1				
Epps	.....	.....	.....	..	..	1				
Eutaw										
Friendship	.....	.....	.....	*20						
Gainesville	.....	.....	....	..	...	2				
Hickory Hill										
Hopewell	.....	.....	*5	*12	...	1				
Hopewell	.....	.....	.....	49	..	..	2			
Livingston	G. C. Gowdey	Livingston	9	63	...	1&3				
Mt. Hermon	.....	.....	*5	*20	..	3				
Mt. Moriah										
Mt. Pleasant	Jno. W. Jones	Jefferson	3	42						
Mt. Sterling										
New Prospect										
Rehoboth										
Shorts	..	..	*7	*47						
Siloam			*5	31	..	2				
Sumterville	W. H. Brown	Sumterville	1	25	..	1				
York	.....	.....	1	30	..	2				
Zion	.....	.....	*5			2				
Total	.....	.....	62	515			5			

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